

StrettonDale Local Joint Committee (LJC20)

COMMUNITY CHEST

The StrettonDale LJC Community Chest

The Community Chest is a grant fund for voluntary and community groups and not for profit organisations working in the areas covered by Church Stretton Town Council, Rushbury Parish Council, Eaton under Heywood & Hope Bowdler Parish Council and Acton Scott Parish Meeting.

In the first instance the Community Chest will hold £5000. This may be added to from the LJC's overall budget allocation for 2009/10 of £22,000 depending on demand. We anticipate that the 2010/11 budget will be similar to the current year.

What we can we fund:

- Projects must take place within the defined area (see above).
- Projects that are of potential benefit to a wide range of people in the area. IE the benefit is not limited to a specific membership, but is available to a significant part of the community.
- Projects that add value to community activity already taking place in the area.
- Capital projects to purchase specific items or for building/refurbishment work
- Revenue projects that are clearly sustainable

What we cannot fund:

- Projects that should normally be funded as a statutory requirement
- Political, or religious activities
- Commercial activities
- Work that has already been paid for
- Paid staff costs

Priority will be given to community groups where the funding will make a significant difference and in particular relate to the following listed priorities:

Priority level 1 = Important

Priority level 2 = Significant

Funding (and Issues) PRIORITY LEVEL 1

Environment

Env 1.1 Energy efficient and environmentally friendly community buildings

Community Wellbeing

Com W 1.1 Community food projects (farmer/community relationships)

Com W 1.2 Getting young people involved in the community

Com W 1.3 Community Transport – Ring and Ride

Economy

- Ec 1.1 Local food for local people
- Ec 1.2 Sustainable tourism
- Ec 1.3 Community food projects (farmer/community relationships)

Learning and Training

- L&T 1.1 Support youth clubs and youth activities (children and young people are our future)
- L&T 1.2 More funding for pre school and post school groups

Funding (and Issues) PRIORITY LEVEL 2

Environment

- Env 2.1 Initiatives to tackle climate change
- Env 2.2 Low carbon communities (10:10)
- Env 2.3 Traffic management
- Env 2.4 Car free town and pedestrianisation
- Env 2.5 Local energy generation
- Env 2.6 Protect natural environment
- Env 2.7 Education of children and young people about environmental issues
- Env 2.8 Environmentally sensitive tourism

Community Wellbeing

- Com W 2.1 Support frail and vulnerable people
- Com W 2.2 Intergenerational activities
- Com W 2.3 Food bank for single parents and young people in supported accommodation/on benefits
- Com W 2.4 More cycling provision
- Com W 2.5 Transport around towns and villages
- Com W 2.6 Support for village halls and community meeting places
- Com W 2.7 Better access to health and social care
- Com W 2.8 Traffic control initiatives

Economy

- Ec 2.1 Encouragement for people to support local shops and businesses
- Ec 2.2 Job creation in the context of climate change
- Ec 2.3 Activities for tourists in wet weather

Community Safety

- Com S 2.1 Help for old people in various ways
- Com S 2.2 Pedestrian friendly streets/roads
- Com S 2.3 Safer wheelchair access to pavements and shops
- Com S 2.4 Address anti social behaviour
- Com S 2.5 Improved cycle routes

Learning and Training

- L&T 2.1 Urban/rural dialogue
- L&T 2.2 School/Community projects
- L&T 2.3 Training for volunteers and volunteer groups

Grants:

Grants from the 'Community Chest' are available up to a maximum of £500. Larger grants may be available, though it is essential that applicants consult the Community Regeneration Officer before completing an application form requesting more than £500. There will normally be a requirement for the applicant to contribute approximately 25% of the total cost of a project as 'matched' funding. This can include 'in kind' contribution ie volunteer time or donated items. Matched funding can also come from other grant givers.

Administration:

Shropshire Council Officers attached to the LJC will administer the fund. Having appraised the applications at an LJC Planning Meeting, Members of the LJC (Shropshire Councillors and Town/Parish Council representatives) will award grants in open session at LJC meetings.

Application process

Application forms and detailed procedural notes are available from Peter Dunhill, the Community Regeneration Officer attached to StrettonDale LJC, who is also available to offer advice. See contact details below.

Terms and Conditions

Payment will be made directly into the organisations bank account following approval of any grant. The applicant will be required to provide proof of expenditure upon request and may be subject to audit by the Council.

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